

OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING **CALIFORNIA**

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 18, 2002 AS CLEAN WATER ACT DAY

WHEREAS, maintaining and improving water quality is essential to protect public health, fisheries, wildlife, and watersheds, and to ensure abundant opportunities for public recreation and economic development in the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, pathogenic bacterial and toxic pollution continues to plague our rivers, creeks and coastal areas and threatens public health and the health of aquatic habitats; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the government and of all American citizens to provide and protect clean water for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act is the primary federal law that protects our nation's waters, including lakes, rivers, wetlands, aquifers, and coastal areas, and seeks to ensure Americans will enjoy clean water safe for swimming and fishing and aquatic life will thrive; and

WHEREAS, the quality of our waters has improved as a result of cooperative efforts by federal, state, tribal and local governments to implement the pollution control programs established in 1972 by the Clean Water Act, as well as tireless efforts by other non-governmental organizations and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act continues to provide a clear path for clean water and a solid foundation for an effective national clean water program, and enforcement of the Clean Water Act is tantamount to realization of the goals of fishable and swimmable waters for all; and

WHEREAS, the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act in October 2002, is a prime opportunity to recommit to meeting the goals of the Clean Water Act:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act, recognizes the accomplishments and value of the Clean Water Act in helping to keep our community healthy, thriving, and vibrant and proclaims October 18, 2002, "CLEAN WATER ACT DAY" in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this sixth day of August 2002.

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District *8*rd District

Supervisor ~ 5th District